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FOR A/CCT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, VE

SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

1. I TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AT 1000 THIS MORNING. HE REPORTED NO LEADS AND NO CONTACT FROM THE KIDNAPPERS. LEPAGE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THERE WOULD BE A CALL TO THE WIFE DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY AND SUGGESTED THAT WE COUNSEL HER IN A MANNER THAT WOULD ENSURE LEAVING THE WAY OPEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

2. I RESPONDED BY REVIEWING USG POLICY OF NOT PAYING RANSOM OR BECOMING INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS TO THAT END. I NOTED THAT THE RESPONSE TO THE KIDNAPPERS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY INVOLVE OWENS-ILLINOIS AS WELL AS THE NIEHOUS FAMILY AND INFORMED THE MINISTER THAT TWO RESPONSIBLE COMPANY OFFICIALS WERE ON THEIR WAY TO CARACAS. LEPAGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND INDICATED HE WOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ME.

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